GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy is being given to medium, small and marginal Scheduled Tribe farmers for purchase of agricultural instruments pump sets, digging of wells and shallow tubewells in areas where the ground water level is very low under the National Water Policy;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidy given to the said category of farmers during each of the last five years;

(c) whether no action has been taken in Bihar for conjunctive use of ground water and surface water; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the effective steps taken to encourage use of ground and surface water ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) During IX Plan, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has undertaken feasibility studies on conjunctive use of ground and surface water on Kosi Irrigation Project and Gandak Irrigation Project in the State of Bihar. The reports are under preparation. After finalisation, these reports will be sent to the State Government of Bihar for further follow up actions. Conjunctive use of surface and ground water is also being encouraged by implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely "On Farm Water Management for increasing crop production in Eastern India" under Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation and ground water development works undertaken by the State Government.